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Applicant: Tsutomu Okada **Examiner:** Peter J. Vrettakos
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 4, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date set forth below.

Dated: March 3, 2006

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